



Welcome to the April 2025 edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

April 2025 Club Meeting - Tuesday night April 1st, Stratford Town Center

This month, our monthly meeting actually falls on April's Fools Day. Not to give anyone any ideas! 😊 This month's club meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, April 1st, at the Stratford Town Centre. Start time: 7:00 P.M.

As always, everyone is welcome to attend, not just club members. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2024 classes are automatically members of the club for 2025. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Centre on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. This month, we'll be joined by Lowell, VY2OX, recipient of the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll Award, who will be presenting "Hints for Chasing DX".

S.M.A.R.T. 2025 - 5 Spaces Left!

At the time of writing, there are actually still 5 spaces left. So if you haven't yet registered to attend and would like to, click at [this link](#) and complete the registration section on the first page.

World Amateur Radio Day - April 18th

This year, World Amateur Radio Day falls on Friday, April 18th. RAC is running a special [Get on the Air](#) event that day. This year, it happens to also be the 100th anniversary of the creation of the [International Amateur Radio Union \(IARU\)](#). RAC will be getting on the air from each of the call areas. Any RAC member wanting to operate as VY2RAC should get a hold of Assistant Director Bill Glydon VY2LI or Regional Director Al Penney V01NO for coordination.

80th Anniversary of Operation Manna / Chowhound - April 25th-27th

[Operation Manna / Chowhound](#) was a humanitarian food drop operation during 1945 that sought to relieve the famine suffered by Dutch civilians behind Nazi lines. With it having been 80 years since then, Operations Manna / Chowhound will be commemorated across the United Kingdom and Europe on April 25th, 26th, and 27th. Radio Amateurs from across the world have been asked to form teams and set up special event stations on those days. Specifically for Canada, more information can be found [here](#).

38th Annual NASWA SWL Festival – April 25th-26th – In Person and via Zoom

<https://www.swlfest.com/>

The 38th Annual NASWA SWL Fest will have two days of sessions about the latest developments in the radio listening hobbies. Visit the link above to register. This is a great event for Shortwave listeners with lots of interesting topics!

Contest Calendar - April

[ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#) - 1800Z to 2359Z Apr 13, 2025

[World Wide Holyland Contest](#) - 2100Z, Apr 18 to 2059Z, Apr 19, 2025

[CQMM DX Contest](#) - 0900Z, Apr 19 to 2359Z, Apr 20, 2025

[Ontario QSO Party](#) - 1800Z, Apr 19 to 0500Z, Apr 20 and 1200Z-1800Z, Apr 20, 2025

[Quebec QSO Party](#) - 1200Z-2200Z, Apr 20, 2025

Also check out <https://contestcalendar.com> for other contests.

Meetings and Events Calendar - April

1: Monthly club meeting

5, 12, 19, 26: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

5, 12, 19, 26: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

7: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

3, 10, 17, 24: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

Future Events:

May 2-3 2025: [NEAR-Fest](#)

May 10: [SMART Symposium](#) in Springhill NS

May 16-18 2025: [Dayton Hamvention](#) - This year's theme is Radio Independence

June 6-7: [Canada Wide Science Fair](#) in Fredericton, featuring a RAC booth promoting Amateur Radio

June 7: First ever [Atlantic QSO Party](#). Rules will be posted on their website and [Facebook](#) page. They intend to have the Atlantic RAC callsigns count as multipliers.

June 28-29 2025: [Field Day](#)

July 26: CARC Flea Market

September 6 2025: [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2025 Hamfest](#) and potential RAC AGM

Help Us Out!

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